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On and after January 4th, 1897, trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.

	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P M	P. M.
Philadelphia	‡7.25	‖10.20	‡2.02	‡3.46	‡5:59	7.45
Baltimore	6.25	8.50	12.05	3.00	5:27	11.56
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.50	4.37	6:38	.
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2 58			
New Castle	8 27		3.03		7:06	
State Road	‡8.33		‡ 3.08		‡7:11	
Bear	‡8.38		‡ 3.13		‡7:16	
Porter	8.45			4.51	7:23	
Kirkwood	8.50		‡ 3.22		7:28	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		‡ 3.31		f 7:36	
Armstrong	f 9.05				7:40	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.40	5.16	7:46	12.39
Townsend	9 17		‡ 3.48	5.25	7:54	
Blackbird	f 9.22		‡ 3.53		f7:59	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		‡ 3.58		‡8:05	
Clayton	9.33	12.07	4.05	5.37	8:10	12.57
Smyrna, LV	9.23	11.57	3.52	5.27	8:00	
Brenford	‡9.38		f 4.10		‡8:15	
Cheswold	‡9.43		f 4.15		f 8:21	
Dupont			f 4.18			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.25	5.56	8:31	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	‖12.29	4.31	6.02	8:37	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11		f 4.37			
Viola	f10.15		f 4.41			
Felton	10.20	‖12.40	4.46	6.14		a 1.38
Harrington	10.32	12.53	5.02	6.24		1.50
Farmington	f10.40	a 1.00		f 6.32		
Greenwood	f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40		
Bridgeville	10.56	f 1.15		6.49		a 2.1a
Cannons	f11.01			f 6.54		
Seaford	11.11	1.26		7.02		2.28
Laurel	11.22	f 1.36		7.13		f 2.39
Delmar	11.32	1.46		7.24		2.56
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A.M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL P.M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			‡8.00	‡2.26		‡8.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.10	2.36		8.56
Seaford	1.34			8.24	f 2.46		4.10
Cannons				f 8.31			f 4.15
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8.37	f 2.57		4.25
Greenwood				f 8.45			f 4.33
Farmington				f 8.53			f 4.41
Harrington	2.22		‡8.05	9.06	3.18		4:52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.16	f 3.28		5:01
Viola			‡8.18	f 9.20			f 5:05
Woodside			‡8.22	f 9.24			f 5:9
Wyoming	2:44	‡7.00	‡8.29	9.31	f 3.39		5:16
Dover	2.50	7.05	8.35	9.38	3.45		5:25
Dupont		f7.10					
Cheswold		f7.16		f 9.48			f 5:32
Brenford		f7.21		f 9.53			f 5:36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8.42	9.49		3.52	5:27
Clayton	‖ 3.06	7.26	8.52	9.59		4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30					f 5:46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10.08			f 5:52
Townsend		7.41	9 06	10.13		4.15	6:37
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9.15	10.23		4.24	6:06
Armstrong		f7.55					f 6:10
Mt Pleasant		7.59		f10.32			6:14
Kirkwood		8.08		10.40			6:25
Porter		8.15	‖ 34	10.46		4.41	6:30
Bear		f8.20		f10.51			6:35
State Road		f8.25		f10.56			6:39
New Castle		8.31	9.45	11.02			6:44
Farnhurst		f8.36	19.50	f11.07			
Wilmington	‖ 4 15	8.45	9.58	11.17		5.05	6:56
Baltimore	5.10	10.40	11.15	12.40		6.55	8:48
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10.46	12.06		5.52	7:51
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m	p.m

‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"|" Stops to leave passengers from Middle town and points south.

"‡" Stops to let off passengers from points south of Harrington.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 12.10 a. m. and 9.51 p m., daily, 8.15, 11.15, a. m., 2.50, 4.30 6.15, 6.35, p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 6.30 a. m. and 10 p m., daily, 8.31, 9.45, 11.02 a. m., 1.18, 5 36, 6 44, 7.22 p. m., week-days.

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DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.37 a m. week-days, 6.28 p m Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning train leaves Franklin City 5.52 a. m., week-days, 1.45 p m Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.42 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.42 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.37 a. m., 6.28 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m., 3.20 p. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.37 a. m. week-days and 6.28 p. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning, leave Berlin 6.59 a m. and 2.48 p m Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday only.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.22 a. m., and 5.50 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 6.50 a. m., and 1.40 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.38 a. m., and 5.45 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.55 a. m., and 1 40 p. m., week-days.

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Chester, week-days, 13.18, 5.55, 6.40, 17.20, 7.36, 18.25 19.15, 110.01, 110.25, 11.20 a.m., 12.40, 12.29, 3.50, 15.33, 5.30, 17.39, 9.15, 111 p.m. Sundays, 13.18, 7.36, 8 50, 111.25 a.m., 12 20, 3 28, 3.50, 5 32, 6 30, 7 39, 9.15, 111.00, p. m.

Atlantic City, week-days, 17.30, a. m., 112.21, 12.39, p. m., Sundays, 7 35 a. m.

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Newark, Del., week-days, 14.13, 7.20, 18.49 111 a. m., 2.54, 14 03, 14.57, 7.35, 18.19, p. m Sundays, 14.13, 7.20, 18.49 a. m. 2.54, 14.57, 7.35, 18.19p. m.

Pittsburg, week-days, 16.18, p. m., Sundays, 4 57 p m.

Chicago, daily, 14.57, p. m..

Cincinnati and St. Louis, daily 112.55, and 18.19, p. m.

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Leave Market Street Station

Philadelphia, week-days, 3 30 p m

Baltimore, week-days, 2.50 p. m.

Landenburg and way stations, week days, 6.45, 10 20, a. m., 2 50, 5.20, p. m. Sundays, 9.55, a. m., 5.21, p. m.

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SCIENCE: Story of the Progress of Science during the Nineteeth Century, a series of papers by Dr. Henry Smith Williams, supplemented by contributions on special subjects by expert scientists. Articles on the relations of curious psychological manifestations to physiology by Dr. Andrew Wilson.

AMERICAN FEATURES: The Mexico of To-day, a series by Charles F. Lummis, splendidly illustrated—the result of a recent visit to Mexico undertaken for HARPER'S MAGAZINE. Mexico is preeminently a silver-producing country, and its monetary operation rest entirely on a silver basis. Owing to the keen discussion of certain economic problems in connection with issues of urgent importance in American politics, these papers, will command general attention. American Historical Papers by Woodrow Wilson, John Bach MacMaster, and James Barnes. The true story of Sheridan's Ride, by Gen. G. A. Forsyth. Continuation of Howell's Personal Reminiscences of eminent literary Americans.

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What the WEEKLY has been in its spirit and purpose, these have been manifested principally in its editorial pages, it will continue to be.

It is impossible to announce with precision all that the WEEKLY will contain during the year 1897. It were as easy to announce what is about to happen in the world, what triumphs for good government are to be won, what advances of the people are to be made, what is to be the outcome of the continuous struggle between the spirits of the war and peace, what is to happen in the far East, what is to be the state of Europe twelve months hence, what new marvels of science are to be revealed, or what are to be the achievements of arts and letters, for the WEEKLY is to be a pictorial record of all this.

Cartoons will continue to be a feature.

Serial Stories. A New England story by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. F. Benson, the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House-Boat on the Styx," by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, illustrated by Mr. Peter Newell.

More Short Stories will appear in the WEEKLY than it has been possible to publish during 1896.

Departments: Mr. W. D. Howells's "Life and Letters" have been among the most charming features of periodical literature. Mr. E. S. Martin, and others will contribute observations on what is going on in "This Busy World" "A Amateur Sport" will remain the most important department of its kind in the country.

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The serials for 1897 will be: The Red Bridge Neighborhood, by Maria Louise Pool; and Father Quinnalion, by Octava Thanet. Short stories will be constantly presented by brilliant writers, among whom are Mary E. Wilkins, Harriet Prescott, Spofford, Marion Harland, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Viola Roseboro, and Margaret Sutton Briscoe.

What Woman are Doing in various parts of the Union well form a series of special interest.

Other interesting features are *The-Out-Door Woman*, devoted to healthful sports and pastimes; *Music*, a weekly critical summary of music in New York; *Amateur Theatricals*, *Embroidery and Needlework*, *Ceremony and Etiquette*, *Good Housekeeping*, "What Girls are Doing," "*Current Social Events*," and *Personals* gleaned from original sources.

Women and Men. Colonel T. W. Higginson will continue his valuable essays.

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The Fair Candidate

A STORY OF WESTERN POLITICS.

THE "machine" of one of the political parties of Butte County was at work. The wheel horses of the organization were in executive session, and the manufacture of a "slate" for the ratification of the county convention was in progress. Everything had been settled without friction up to a certain point, but here the making of candidates came to a full stop. Some one must be selected to run for Superintendent of schools, and some one else must be found who was disinterested enough to stand for the place of county Surveyor, with the nominal emoluments pertaining thereto. This latter problem was settled, after a brief discussion, by the powers insisting that Al. Wood, the incumbent, who was present, must stand for re-election, whether he liked it or not; but a duly qualified candidate for superintendent of Schools was not so easily found. The man who had held that position for two years past had the bad taste to give up his office and his grasp on life at the same time, only two weeks before, thus leaving his party in a quandary for a candidate to succeed him. Of course there were plenty of aspirants for the nomination, but most of them were unavailable for reasons political and the candidate must be a person who was popular with the voters of the country.

"Jimmie" Van Wert, the handsome young assayer of the Spread Eagle Mill had been sitting in a dark corner of the office in which the conference was being held, smoking quietly and saying very little until now; but he finally put in his oar long enough to suggest that "Professor" Striker, the young principal of the local school, would make a good man for the office.

"Ya-as," assented Judge Bullock, the venerable Justice of the Peace, "but they don't know him out in th' kentry, an' we got t' have some feller th't c'n ketch th' aoutside vote. Now, Jimmie, look yere. What's the matter with you runnin' f'r super'ntend'nt y'rself?"

"Don't get me mixed in on a deal like that!" ejaculated Van Wert fervently. "I don't want any old office. I've got troubles enough now."

But Judge Bullock's suggestion met with unanimous approval on the part of all the others present, and, very much against his will, Mr. Van Wert was slated for the nomination, and duly placed in nomination by the convention a few days later. It was two weeks before he found out what sort of an opponent he was to have, and then, much to his disgust, he learned that the other party had nominated a girl.

This was almost enough to make him throw up the canvass. The idea of the other fellows thinking that he could be beaten by a woman. Then he consoled himself with the reflection that they knew they couldn't beat him, and had merely put up this Miss Smith to act as a forlorn hope. Thenceforth he did not put much activity into his canvass, but attended to his business pretty much as usual, serene in the belief that the voters of Butte County were not yet arrived at the stage of progression when they would permit a woman to hold office. And all this time, be it known, this heretofore unknown and mysterious Miss Smith was becoming known to the voters of the county, and what was more, she was winning a good deal of support from sources upon which Van Wert confidently counted.

It lacked only about ten days of Election Day when Van Wert, with a sudden shock, came to his senses. Two or three things had occurred to detract from his over confidence. Among these was the avowal on the part of several personal and political friends of their intention to support Miss Smith, giving as their reasons that she had a good record as an educator, and was without doubt well qualified for the office; that she wanted the office, and was making a hard fight for it; and that Van Wert didn't want it and didn't need it. On top of this he was informed that his opponent had been out in the "cow districts," and had the cow boy vote pretty well "cinched." This cheering announcement came from two or three of the "bosses" who called on him to see if he didn't think it worth while to get out and save his political scalp by "rustling" like the rest of the candidates. "We'll have the committee fix some dates for you to speak, and you've got to fill 'em, Jimmie; if you don't you're a gone goose," said they.

So, with the inward fear that he might, after all, be defeated, Van Wert began in earnest the effort to save himself. He did not care for the office, but he dreaded defeat at the hands of a woman, being one of the kind of men who do not believe the gentler sex has any business in politics. He pictured Miss Smith as a big, gaunt red-haired, self-assertive person, with large red hands and a snappy way of speaking—and was quite surprised to learn that she was really a very lady-like young woman, tipping the beam at about 110 pounds.

It lacked but four days of Election Day, and the various candidates were putting in every hour possible in making speeches and seeing their constituents and other people. Van Wert had put in some very telling work in several places where it would do the most good, but in two or three precincts it was found that a strong sentiment in favor of his opponent had developed, and must be overcome by some means if he hoped to win. Unfortunately he was worried, and his actions showed it; on one or two occasions while he was speaking he had given way to puerile bursts of temper that by no means enhanced his chances for success. Some of the older heads had warned him that by making slurring remarks about his opponent he would only hurt himself, to which he responded by the childlike query: Well if a woman doesn't want to get herself talked about she'd better keep out of politics."

This he practically repeated to a mixed crowd at Conover's Schoolhouse in one of the strong "cow districts," on Friday night before election, adding: "I cannot believe that parents interested in the further welfare of their children are willing to intrust their early training to the hands and the methods of one who so far forgets her womanhood as to stand as a candidate for a public office." Of course he regretted the remark almost as soon as it was uttered, and recognized that the silence with which it was received was the silence of a disapproval too strong to find expression in words. But it was too late for regrets, and he expressed none.

The next afternoon came a brief but pointed note from Miss Smith, in which she gently reminded him that his youth had evidently led him astray so far as to forget the fact that she was practically defenceless, and that in speaking of her as he had he had been both unmanly and ungentlemanly. This, coming as it did, at a time when he was mentally cursing himself for an ass and a brute, did not tend to soothe him, for he knew that every word the note contained was true. So, instead of answering it as a man should, he wrote at the bottom of the sheet: "You have no business in politics; if you don't want to stand the consequences," then signed it and remailed it to the original sender. An hour later he was sorry he had done so, and tried to get the letter out of the post office, but failed

Thus it was that the next evening, as he rode along the lonely trail leading to the "enemy's country," where he was to address a big meeting of cattlemen and make an effort to redeem himself by practically recanting all that he had said derogatory to the opposing candidate without losing too much of his already shattered self respect, he was so absorbed mentally in thinking over what he should say that he did not hear a sudden command to halt, and realized that he was in trouble only when a sinuous, swishing thing hurled through the air, pinioned his arms to his sides and jerked him from his saddle to the rough ground.

"Good shot, ol' man!" said some one in cowboy costume, who came up and sat on the victim's chest. "Ye got him right round th' elbows, fust throw o' rope."

"Let me up, you d—d scoundrel!" fumed Van Wert. "You can take my money without taking my wind at the same time, can't you?"

"Easy, m' son," chuckled the giant who was sitting astride of him, as he held the candidate's wrists so that the other men, who now came up, could the more easily tie them. "We don't want y'r stuff. Do we pardner?"

"Nopey, Van," said the second man in a voice that Van Wert tried in vain to recognize. "We jest want t' put ye where ye won't make no mo' fool r'marks 'bout th' lady th't's ag'in' ye—not this evenin', anyways."

"See here, boys," said Van Wert, more calmly, "this isn't a square deal. You know I've got to be at the meeting at Meeker at 8 o'clock? Well, it's almost that now so let me go."

"Oh, no, Jimmie!" laughed one of his captors, heartlessly. "Not t'night. 'Square deal,' I b'lieve ye said? Was it a squar' deal f'r you t' get up an make th' talk ye did 'bout th' little schoolma'am las' night? Not any. So stan' up, Jimmie, an let the gent tackle ye to th' tree. We,ll let ye go fore ye git cold. Easy, lad, Ef ye git gya, we wont do a thing but hawg-tie ye an leave ye lay till mawnin'."

The next hour was as long a one as Jimmie ever spent. The night was a chilly one, and the ropes with which he was bound prevented the free circulation of blood, so that in a very short time his extremities were aching with cold. To add to his discomfort, an owl took its station in the brush near by and hooted derisively whenever the prisoner shouted, and the cries of the owl were responded to by several wolves, whose voices sounded as though they were very close at hand.

Several times Van Wert heard people go by on horseback and in wagons, and shouted to them at the top of his lungs; but the trail was some distance from the clump of brush, and they did not hear him. At last however when he had about given up all hope of escaping until his captors should come and release him, he heard the sound of horses coming along the trail, their riders laughing and chatting, and he lifted up his voice in a mighty effort to make himself heard. The riders evidently heard him, and stopped. He shouted again, and presently heard them coming toward him.

"Where are you?" cried a feminine voice, in response to another bleat from Van Wert, and in a moment there was a crashing of underbrush and the face and form of a young woman were outlined in the moonlight followed a second later by the wondering countenance of a lad of about twelve years.

"How did it happen?" queried the young woman, after she and the boy had released the candidate from his uncomfortable predicament and he was untying his horse from a neighboring tree.

Van Wert explained, in an injured tone, adding, with as much dignity as he could command: "I am the candidate for Superintendent of Schools, and I suppose this is a sample of the methods Miss Smith and her cowboy friends have adopted to defeat me. They knew I was to speak at Meeker tonight, and thought that by preventing me from doing so, they could gain a few votes. I'll show 'em when I get there.

The young woman laughed merrily. 'Politics is a funny business, isn't it?' she said. "The idea of resorting to such measures! But," she added soberly, "you should not blame Miss Smith for what her overzealous friends have done. I—Miss Smith is a friend of mine, and I know she would not sanction such a thing. It—it would be most unfair to accuse her of it, don't you think, without being certain of your ground?"

Van Wert admitted that it would.

"Then as a favor to me," said his fair rescuer, "do not, please say anything about it, at least by way of connecting her with the affair. I'm sure no one would regret it more than she if she knew about it."

After some hesitation, Van Wert promised, and presently his rescuer and her escort left him, branching off on a trail that led toward a farmhouse that he could not see in the distance.

The candidate noticed with a grim smile, on his return, the consternation his appearance created in a certain part of the room, and concluded that two or three men whom he knew to be friends of his looked rather sheepish; but he kept his own counsel, and made no reference to his adventure. In the course of an excellent speech he presently made he "took back" what he had said about his opponent in a manner so graceful as to win for him rounds of applause, and when he sat down it was with the consciousness that he had in part redeemed himself,

As he started, along with some of the other candidates, to leave the hall, he noticed for the first time that the young woman who had rescued him from the "fix" in which the cowboys had left him, had not gone home to stay when she left him, for there she was just leaving the hall in company with an older woman in widow's weeds.

"Who is that?" he asked of the candidate for Sheriff, who was at his side.

"That girl?" queried the other. "Why boy that's your hated adversary, Miss Smith. Hadn't you seen her before?"

But Van Wert did not hear the question. He hurried to catch up with the opposing candidate, who started when he addressed her, but quickly recovered herself and smiled sweetly upon him.

"Miss Smith," he burst out impetuously, "I don't know what you must think of me, after all the low-down things I've said about you, and the holy show I made of myself this evening. But I hope you'll believe me when I say I'm sorry for the things I've said—and I honestly hope you'll be elected after all. I shall vote for you, any way, and you can count on lots of my friends."

But his boyish enthusiasm in behalf of his opponent came too late to be of service to her, for the returns showed that Van Wert was elected by a small majority for which he was indebted to the miners. On Thursday after election he went to Miss Smith.

"I regret this as much as you do," he said, earnestly. "I wish I had met you earlier in the campaign. But I have a proposition to make. What are you going to do now?"

"I don't know," she said, trying to conceal the sadness in her tones. "You see, I had to give up my school and there are no vacancies now."

"Well, what I was going to propose is this: Will you take an appointment as my deputy? Remember all the work will devolve upon you."

Miss Smith gasped and her pretty face turned a rosy red, then turned pale. She did not wish to be under obligations to this man—and yet, there was the mother to be considered, and the invalid sister in Chicago, whose hospital bills were such a severe tax on the family resources. "Yes," she said finally, "and thank you very much, for offering me the place. You have lifted a great load from my mind."

There was some comment on this arrangement by the voters of the country but it was hardld adverse, and the deputy soon showed that she was the right one in the right place. She worked day and night, and denied herself necessary sleep that her beloved schools should not retrograde; in fact in the course of a few weeks she succeeded in making herself almost ill, for the death of the former superintendent had left the affairs of the office in rather chaotic condition, and although Van Wert and his deputy qualified at once after the meeting of the canvassing board, it was almost Christmas before they got matters straightened out.

And it was just at this time, when the little deputy, more than half ill from overwork, was spending a couple of days at home, that she got a brief note from her superior, which read:

"Miss Smith: For some time past I have been dissatisfied with you as deputy superintendent of schools and your resignation as such will be accepted. I will do myself the honor of calling upon you and explaining matters more fully to-morrow night. Very truly yours,

"James Van Wert."

Miss Smith burst into tears. "Just to think, mamma! After I have worked so hard! What shall we do?"

"I suppose they want the job for some politician that doesn't need it," commented Mrs. Smith, grimly. "But to think he has the audacity to come here after that! I won't let him in, the treacherous thing!—discharging you, after being so friendly, and all that."

"Yes, you will mamma," interjected the girl recovering herself. "We must not forget ourselves in our own home."

Just then the door bell rang, and the girl hastened away to hide the traces of her tears. When she returned in the little parlor Van Wert was standing there, big and handsome, in front of the fireplace. He advanced to meet her as her mother vanished from the room.

"You got my note?" he said. "I'll tell you how it is." he went on, awkardly. "I'm not satisfied with you as deputy because—because I want you to take the office itself and me with it."

And that was the way they arranged it.

Washington . . . Letter

LITERARY TASTE IN WOMEN.

SCOTCH professor has recently been quoted as saying "Literary taste in the average woman is almost an unknown quantity, for the reason that, like the cut of her gowns, it is governed largely by the fashion prevailing at the moment. Because some authors are out of fashion who ought to be in, and others are in who ought to be out, she permits herself to be governed by popular prejudice. This is not taste."

To these words of unwisdom many notable women have taken occasion to reply. Mrs. Amelia E. Barr in defense of her sex gives the following pungent answer:

The professor's statement is a statement easily made, but it is neither just nor correct.

In the first place, the critic ought to have accurately defined what "literary taste" consists in; how many kinds of literary taste are supposed to exist, and which particular kind he imagines women to be "almost destitute of." Then he should have so well exhibited the excellence of this special kind that delinquent women would have been thoroughly ashamed of their ignorance. Furthermore, he should have given convincing proof that men never, never sin in this direction; that they all possess "literary taste," and that their judgment and predilections are above and beyond the sway of the popular 'taste" of the time.

But is it certain that the prevailing fashions in literature are always wrong? Rather, is it not likely that they fit and accord with other tastes which may be even more important to daily life than the critic's literary taste? A critic's taste, at best, is but one man's opinion; will he set it against the prevailing tone with an absolute certainty that he is right and the rest of mankind and womankind ignorant blunderers?

We will suppose that women are largely governed in literary matters by "the fashion prevailing at the moment.' just as they are governed about the "cut of their gowns." May not that fashion in both cases be a very suitable one? Because it is the prevailing fashion, is it therefore silly or ungraceful? Fashions relating to dress are never wholly good or bad; there are elegant modes and grotesque ones, and they brush each other in the streets; there are good books and bad books and they lie side by side on the counter.

Again, it may be truthfully asserted that men are just as ready to have their literary taste governed by popular prejudice as women are. Who were the buyers of "Trilby"? Men; and that in an overwhelming majority. Indeed, the intellect of men is specially subservient to popular enthusiasm, not only as regards books, but in plays, preachers, political leaders, preferred stock, and in almost every department of active life. It is a great part of wisdom that it should be so. Is it not presumable that the consonant opinions of twenty, or fifty, thousand people are as likely to be correct as the solitary opinion of one self constituted critic, or even the united judgement of the whole staff of a review? Women, in following the popular decision about present writers—if they do so—only evince their modesty; they also drive the shuttle of their thoughts and predilections between their intellect and their experiences. It might be well for critics to exchange a little of their closet learning for the same broad path, whether it be "taste" or something else—and better.

The unhealthy idea of chivalry, which treated woman as a cross between an angel and an idiot, is exploded. While the rivers run into the sea, it will never be revived. Women have the right to their own literary taste, whether it fits into men's literary canons or not. They can instruct their averments, and generally show good ground for their prejudices, and it is long past date to insinuate any special defect in their creation.

The tide of woman's progress has come, and men might as well swim with it, for in its flood there is no "so far and no further." No gates can be shut against it, and the old barriers can neither be restored nor repaired. Criticism of women ignoring this fact is all a hum—and the best way with those who persist in ingnoring it is the "shortway" of Sir Simon d'Ewes, who moved in the House of Common s that Sergeant Armstrong "do now hold his tongue."

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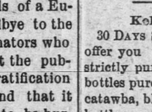

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The Middletown Transcript

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer at 9.15. Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL

The printed label on your paper shows the date to which your subscription is paid. The subscription price of the paper is a dollar a year, at the same rate for a longer or shorter time. Bills are sent out every six months, in the paper as the postal law allows, but this is some expense and considerable trouble, and it would be a favor if every subscriber who is delinquent for a longer or shorter time would not wait for bills. How many will act on the suggestion?

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 30, 1897

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—You cannot afford to overlook the Mound Builders at our Round Table this week.

Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del

—Some of the Wilmington secret societies have suspended benefits, owing to hard times.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand

—Maryland Biscuit, in large or small, quantity, on short notice, ten cents a dozen, Mrs. R. L. Price.

—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Williams, on Cochran street, died Monday, and was buried Wednesday in the Forest Cemetery.

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—Miss Catherine B. Wales, sister of Judge Leonard E. Wales, died at her home in Wilmington, on Monday. She was prominent in the New Century Club.

—The Delaware City National Bank purchased on Tuesday the Cochran tract of 70 acres opposite St. Anne's Church for $2250.

—If you want blankets to put your horses in condition for the sale, we have them and will sell them to you in large lots at quantity prices. Wholesale & Retail.
J. C. PARKER.

The Wilmington Board of Education decided by a vote of ten to six to pay the Board of Health bill for plumbing and the long standing dispute is now settled.

—Dr. Ritchie has rented the Maxwell house on West Main, opposite Cass street and will move his office there on the 1st of Feb., after which date he can be found there day or night.

Philip L. Garret, having passed his examinations last Saturday, will be admitted to the bar at the coming term of court. For several years past Mr. Garret has been in the office of Hugh C. Browne Esq.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Diamond and Gold medal flour also the cheaper grades and a full line of groceries and provisions at the lowest cash prices at C. B. Satterfield's

FOR RENT.—House and stable, recently occupied by J. B. Goff, on Main street. Possession given at once. Also house on Cass street, now occupied by Henry DeValinger. Hot and cold water. Apply to
G. E. HUKILL.

—Griffenburg and Kirk, of the Summit Bridge Creamery, have been awarded the contract to supply the county almshouse with butter at 22½ cts the pound for the ensuing quarter.

The Levy Court of this county has given the contract for lighting the jail at New Castle to the Electric Railway Company, over the New Castle Gas Co. The contract is at $1100 a year for three years.

—Mrs. Wm. H. Moore conducted a prayer meeting for ladies at her home Tuesday afternoon which was largely attended and the mothers and daughters in Israel had a very interesting and profitable meeting.

—John P. McIntire of the National Hotel filled his ice house on Thursday with clear ice from 4 to 5 inches thick. With the wind blowing and the snow banking it looked an Arctic task.

—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening at 7 o'clock. The President urges that all the members shall attend as the business is important.

—The Junior Christian Endeavor was entertained very delightfully last evening at Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain's. After a pleasing program rendered by the Juniors, refreshments were served and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

—A well known physician says that the apple will cure nearly all the ills that flesh is heir to. To which a newspaper man makes haste to add; The apple it may be remembered, also is said to have caused all the ills.

—Bishop Curtis of Wilmington, has appointed Father McSweeney, of Chestertown, Md., to be assistant priest at St. Anne's Church, Wilmington, taking the place of the late Father Crowley, who died last week, Father Hughes has been assigned to the Chestertown church.

—James Hawkins, colored, was shot and seriously injured in a fight at Iron Hill, Tuesday night, with George Walters. Walters was first knocked down by Hawkins, who then fired on his assailants, the ball taking effect in the groin, seriously injuring him. He was removed to Delaware Hospital and the ball extracted.

—Mark Singley has defeated John Gillespie, of Wilmington, in a checker-playing contest, winning 15 out of 25 games.

—A young man of Bridgeville, Del. eloped with a young gypsy maiden recently. His friends thought he was a fool until they learned that the daughter of the forest was worth thirty thousand dollars. They then concluded she was the fool. Her people spoiled the romance, however, by overtaking the couple and compelling her to return to camp.—"Cecil News."

—Julian Foard, son of Mr. Samuel Foard, had a very unpleasant experience on Wednesday while skating on Silver Lake. The ice was covered with snow so that the unsafe places were hid from view, and, before he knew his danger the little fellow had broken through and was under the ice. By real heroic effort and presence of mind he was soon rescued and brought home, apparently none the worse from his plunge in the icy depths of the pond.

—Mr. H. P. Cannon, Bridgeville, is sending out circular letters of invitation to the Third Annual Convention of the Atlantic State Packers Association to be held in Cincinnati Feb. 9 to 13th. The Western Packers Canned Goods Association and the Canners Machinery and Supplies Association meet at the same place and time, and the meeting is expected to be very large. Reduced railroad and hotel rates have been secured.

—The cold wave arrived on time Monday morning, the drop of the mercury accompanied by high north winds blowing about thirty miles an hour, making the air too zero-like for grumbling humanity to enjoy. The thermometer stood at 6 above zero in Middletown, and the water pipes and furnace fires have made more than one man and woman wish for a milder clime where such ills are unknown. It takes a very fanciful imagination at such a time to find Eolian music in the tunes old Boreas whistled Monday night, or to find much beauty in Jack Frost's autograph on the window panes, especially if the house plants are nipped by his chilling breath. But there are worse ills than these that come with the drop in the mercury, and the suffering from want of food, fuel and shelter, especially in the larger cities is almost unprecedented. The heavy snow fall of Wednesday night following the bitter cold has intensified the severity of the weather. The heavy drifts have blocked the roads and travel, both by carriage and rail, has been considerably impeded. The mercury still lingers low down towards the zero mark and the inhabitants are pretty generally staying by their "ain fireside."

Our Firemen.

It would be difficult to imagine a reunion with more of real enjoyment in it than was the Tenth Annual of the Volunteer Hose Company of this town on Thursday evening. Including members and guests the company numbers about ninety. The following unique Menu was the work of Secretary Jos. C. Jolls and was enjoyed only second to the interpreted menu which came upon the table:

MENU.
Inspection.
"Gentlemen, be seated."
A wet run.
Consomme, a la Royale
Veterans delight.
Terrapin, a la Waldorf.
Reel on.
Champagne, Volunteer Vintage—'96
Chimney Fire.
Pipes, Fruits and Flowers— Tandstickers,
House and hang Hose.
Toastmaster, turn on steam
A hard Fire.
Oysters, a la Delmonico.
Lift her, boys.
Lemon Sherbet. A dry run.
Biscuits. Cheese.
Pickles. Crackers.
Take up,
Coffee, a la Stangeri.

Vice President J. A. Suydam, who takes an active interest in all matters of the Company, was toastmaster and he contributed much to "the feast of reason and flow of soul" in his introduction of the following toasts which were happily responded to:

"Our Town," Response by J. F. McWhorter Esq.

"Our Light and Water Commission," Responded by to S. C. Biggs Esq. Pres't of Commissioners.

"Our Fraternal Societies," Response by Wm. Simmons Esq. Supreme Representative Knights of Pythias.

"Our Fire Department," Responded to by Hon. Jno. W. Jolls.

"Our Cooks," Response by Hon. W. A. Comegys.

"Our Veterans," Response by C. M. Stanger of Veteran Firemen's ass'n.

"Our Guests," Response by Wm. Brockson, Esq.

"Our Industries," Response by S. M. Reynolds, Esq. for the Middletown Improvement Co.

The original poem, "The Tenth Annual," by the company's bard, was read by Toastmaster Suydam and was highly enjoyed.

The remarks of President Biggs were especially appreciated by the company. In response to calls short speeches were made by A. M. Brown, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, Geo. D. Kelley, W. S. Letherbury, and ex-Mayor Hanson, of New Castle now of Wilmington he being Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and having installed the officers of Damon Lodge, No. 12, previous to the banquet. It was 9.30 when the guests sat down and two hours and a half later when the feast closed and the banquet hall was deserted.

CHURCH CHIMES.

The meeting of the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon will be held in the M. E. Church and will be for men only. Rev. E. P. Roberts of Odessa and Rev. F. H. Moore will assist the pastor of the church in the meeting. Mr. Wood visited Philadelphia on Monday to secure the services of Ex-Postmaster John Fields, getting a conditional promise to come but he has written later that he cannot be present.

The new Missionary Secretary, Dr. Smith, elected in place of Chaplain McCabe who was made Bishop at the General Conference in May, preached two excellent sermons at the M. E. Church on Sunday and made an effective address at the afternoon meeting for men only. The chief attractiveness of Dr. Smith is in the simplicity and directness of his sermons. There were two conversions at the afternoon meeting and the missionary collection for the day was $125.00, some thirty-five or forty dollars more than last year.

If Your Eyes Trouble You
Do not fail to consult J. Frank Brinkerhoff of Philadelphia, specialist in lenses for the eye. He will again be in Middletown at Mrs. Massey's jewelry store, Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

KENT COUNTY.

Prof. and Mrs. James E. Carroll, of Dover, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Monday evening.

Sheriff S. L. Shaw on Saturday sold the personal property of J. W. Carson's canning establishment at Clayton for $246.57.

William Graham, a well known farmer died near Canterbury Friday night, aged, 74 years. He was sick only about a week.

W. L. Pritchett, executor of Staton Walson, deceased, on Tuesday sold the eleven acres of land with dwelling thereon, situated near Dover, to T. S. Clark for $149.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mrs. Ella Cochran is visiting in Philadelphia.

—Miss Clarabel Wilson is visiting friends in Smyrna.

—Rev. I. L. Wood was in Philadelphia on Monday.

—Miss Helen Naudain is visiting friends in Pittsburg, Pa.

—Miss Allie McKee has returned from a visit in Philadelphia.

—Miss Caddie Blackiston is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Patton in Philadelphia.

—Clerk of the Peace Foard attended the funeral of Col. Martin at Seaford on Monday.

—Miss Emma Edwards is visiting friends and relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

—Mr. J. J. Lockwood, Jr., of Chesterville, Md., was visiting Delaware friends this week.

—Mrs. Edward Graves, of Townsend, is visiting at her father's, Mr. Alfred Green in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Price, of Millington, Md., were guests at Mr. Martin Paynter's this week.

—Mrs. Wm. A. Scott and grand-daughter Miss Helen Smith are visiting relatives at Harrington.

—Rev. Francis H. Moore has been on the sick list this week, and not able to be out since Sunday.

—Hon Jno W. Jolls was in Dover Tuesday attending to the settlement with the State Library Building.

—Mrs. Rosin, who is 84 years old, suffered a stroke of apoplexy this week and is critically ill at her home on East Main street.

—Col. Joseph Hanson is visiting old friends in town, having resigned his position in New York City where he was for a number of years.

—Mr. David C. Rose, of Newark, who had come to attend the funeral of his aunt Mrs. Schreitz, was a welcome caller at the TRANSCRIPT office on Thursday.

—Mrs. J. M. Arthurs, of Kenton, spent this week with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Wright, who is slowly convalescing from a several weeks illness.

Mr. A. G. Cox passed the sixty-fifth milestone along the journey of life, on Tuesday, and is sixty-five years young, haveing better health and spirits than for years, and has the distinction of having a greater longerity than any member of his family in two generations.

—The following gentlemen of the Young Men's Social Club have been selected as the committee of arrangements for the Mid-Winter Dance, Friday, Feb. 19: A. P. Corbit, J. Frank Biggs, Andrew Wilson, E. R Cochran, Jr., Clarence Clayton, Douglas Cochran, Fred G. Crouch, W. R. Reynolds John C. C. Kelley, C. E. Pool.

Public Sales.

THURSDAY, Feb. 4th, 1897—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c, by Wm. Taylor on his farm two miles west of Middletown. Mr. James Collins lives on the farm and has rented it for next year. L. W. Stidham & Son, auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10th.—Entire stock o farming implements, household and kitchen furniture on Samuel Derrickson farm on road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Collins Beach by. John Regener, D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, Feb 16th, 1897—Public sale of Personal Property of M. G. Hutchison one mile east of Townsend on the road leading from Ginn's corner to Noxentown mill, D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18, 1897.—Stock and Farming Implements at 10 o'clock a. m. by W. S. Burris, one mile from Porter's Station, A. I. Swan, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 23d.—Stock and Farming Implements on the farm leading from Clayton to Dulaney's, one and a half miles west of Salem Church, by Jacob L. Keagey. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Convention will hear the friends of local option on Monday, Feb. 8, at 2 p. m.

The report of the committee on the Legislation recommends taking from the General Assembly the power to grant divorces; lotteries, pool selling and gambling are to be prohibited; riders upon bills are made void; the members of the Legislature are to receive pay for only sixty days.

—The Constitutional Covention by a vote of 19 to 5 favors the trial of offenders against the purity of elections before the courts rather than by jury. If juries are to be manipulated then this is a wise move since the courts can be held responsible. It is not so much that there are no honest jurors but one dishonest man in a panel of twelve is effective against the right. But why make the court unaminous in this trial, as is proposed, if not in other trials? The "Smyrna Times" says of this question: "Is it thought possible that Judge Technicality Grubb, or one of the same make-up, could ever ignore politics in agreeing in a verdict with the others where a plain legal statute was trying to be averted?"

OLD SUSSEX.

The new M. E. Church at Georgetown will be dedicated to-morrow.

Governor Tunnell has appointed David Green Justice of the Peace in Baltimore Hundred.

Rev. S. B. Overton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Milford, was married this week to Miss Maggie Sawyer, of Camden, North Carolina.

Thomas A. Watson, of Milford, a member of the last General Assembly, died very suddenly of heart disease at his home on Thursday morning. He retired apparently as well as usual, but awakened his wife about 3 o'clock and died in a few minutes.

Bishop of Wilmington.

A recent cablegram from Rome announces that Rev. Felix Hintemeyer, of North Carolina has been appointed Bishop of Wilmington to succeed Bishop Curtis. The announcement was a great surprise, Father Hintemeyer is a Benedictine Monk and the Benedictine Order, while one of the oldest of the Catholic Monastic Societion, has but few representatives in the clergy of this diocese, the priests stationed at Bohemia Manor and at St. Joseph's Church in Wilmington, being the only ones, but the Benedictine Sisters have charge of several schools in the diocese. Later dispatches from Rome state that Rev. Dr. E. A. Allen, President of St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, has been appointed Bishop of Wilmington, but as neither of the statements are official they may be as unfounded as the earlier announcement of Father Thomas as Bishop.

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NECROLOGY.

MRS. JANE S. SCHREITZ, IN HER 70TH YEAR:

Mrs. Jane S. Schreitz died Tuesday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Clendaniel, near Kennedyville, Md., after several weeks severe illness of Bright's disease. Had she lived until today she would have been seventy years old

Mrs. Schreitz was the daughter of Charles Foster, of Middletown, and her whole life was spent here. She was early married to Charles Schreitz, a master workman in the Cox Carriage Manufactory, of this town. The death of her husband after a long illness of consumption, left her a widow with five small children, and for years she toiled to maintain a home and keep her family together, giving them the best educational advantages available. Two of her daughters became teachers and one a very successful professional nurse, which vocation she still follows, and both her sons are worthy citizens, so that she lived to enjoy the fruit of her labors and her last days were happily spent alternately with her sons and daughters, where, free from the care and toil of her early days, she spent the sunny afternoon of life in happy content. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Frances Barnes of this town, and three brothers, Jacob Foster, also of Middletown, and George and Charles, the latter residing in California. Her five children are Leslie Schreitz, of Middletown, Frederick, of Wilmington, Sarah, the wife of John Clendaniel, Ruth, the wife of Wm. A. Rhoades, of Odessa, and Miss Caroline Schreitz, of Boston, Her funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from the residence of her son on Crawford street. Her pastor Rev. W. J. Wilkie, rector of St. Anne's having charge of the service. Interment by the side of her husband at Forest Cemetery.

Mrs. Schreitz was a woman of strong sense and excellent judgment and in the management of her personal and family affairs displayed rare executive ability. She could read character with wonderful accuracy and in no uncertain manner manifested her strong disapproval of all shams and pretenses, and was honest and just in her every word and act. As a wife and mother she was the embodiment of unresting toil and sacrifice and as a friend and neighbor she was all kindness.

MRS. REBECCA J. NORTH.
AGE 62 YEARS.

Mrs. Rebecca Jane North died Wednesday morning at the residence of Mr. Wm. E. Evans on Crawford street. Although she had been in failing health for months, she was confined to her bed but a little over two weeks, consumption being the fatal malady. Mrs. North was the daughter of Brinkley Lucas, a well known farmer of this community some years ago, and was the widow of George North, of the neighborhood of Smyrna, her husband having been dead nearly nineteen years. For the past eighteen years she had a home at Mr. William E. Evans. She was a lady of very gentle and kindly manner, retiring and unobtrusive but a true and faithful friend and those whose life she shared found her always the same. During a revival at the M. E. Church a year ago she received the blessing of God in a conscious salvation and died happy in her faith in the Saviour.

She leaves two children, Mr. Elmer North and Mrs. Mary E. Daniels, both of Wilmington. Her funeral will take place today at 2 o'clock, services at the house. Interment at the M. E. Cemetery. Her friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Col. Martin Dead.

Ex-Congressman Edward L. Martin died suddenly at his home near Seaford on Friday of last week. He had been in poor health for months past. Col. Martin has been a prominent citizen of the State for a number of years. He was elected to Congress in 1878 and '80, serving the State and the people well. He was a prominent candidate for the Senate in the recent contest at Dover and thought at one time that he had his full county vote behind him. In the State Convention last summer he put Governor Tunnell in nomination, being possibly the only man in the body with lung power sufficient to make himself heard above the clamor of the Wilmington rabble. In National and State Conventions Col. Martin has taken prominent part for many years.

In agricultural matters the Colonel took great interest, attending most of the conventions relating to agriculture. By profession he was a lawyer but his time was devoted principally to fruit culture and his farm interests. He was a loyal churchman, being prominent in the affairs of this Diocese.

His funeral on Monday was largely attended by members of the General Assembly, Constitutional Convention and citizens all over the State. He was born at Seaford in 1837, the youngest of ten children. His son, Woodburn Martin, is a member of the Constitutional Convention.

MY MARYLAND.

The Crawford Bicycle Works, of Hagerstown are now employing over one thousand men.

An original pension was granted to George W. Boulden, of Elkton, by the Pension Bureau on Monday.

Fifteen inmates of the Maryland House of Correction were pardoned by Governor Lowndes last week, owing to the crowded condition of the institution.

Salisbury's city government cost $4700 last year. Of this $1900 went for lighting the town and $1300 for cleaning the streets. The bonded debt of the is town about $5000, and the tax rate 30 cents.

The Pocomoke "Ledger" and Pocomoke "Enterprise," two papers published at Pocomoke City were recently consolidated into one publication and will hereafter be known as the "Ledger-Enterprise, under the management of J. B. Fitzgerald.

Governor Lowndes has appointed George A. Blake School Commissioner of Cecil county, vice John R. White, resigned. The Governor will appoint Jesse A. Kirk, to fill another vacancy in the School Board of Cecil county, in place of Francis S Everist, deceased.

James McCauley, who for twenty-four years was chief judge of the Orphan's Court for Cecil County, died on Monday of pneumonia at his home near Leeds, in his 88th year. He was a relative of the late Rev. J. A. McCauley, President of Dickinson College, and was prominent in Maryland politics, having been county surveyor, recister of wills and a member of the Maryland Legislature.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. S. E. Bradway is in Philadelphia.

Miss Agnes Vail is the guess of Miss Bessie Price.

Wm. Hutchinson, of Wilmington, is visiting in town.

It is rumored there will be another wedding in town soon.

Mrs. N. Wilkinson has returned home from a visit to her parents.

Miss Anna M. Pennington is visiting Mrs Z. A. Pool near McDonough.

Edgar Price returned to his home near Millington, Md., on Thursday.

Raymond Hicken and wife, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents.

Mrs. C. Von Culin and daughter spent Sunday with Wilmington friends.

Mrs. N. G. Price entertained her Sunday School class Wednesday evening.

Miss Nellie A. Vail has returned from a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Irene Davidson has returned from a visit in Philadelphia and Camden.

The "Heptasophs" gave a supper at the "Robinson House" Wednesday evening.

Fred Silva cut his foot badly last week while at work in the Incubator factory.

The Rev. G. S. Gassner attended the funeral of the Hon. E. L. Martin at Seaford on Monday.

Edward L. Stratton, of Finn's Point, spent several days with friends in town this week.

Miss Tillie Murch, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Milve, at the Robinson House.

Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton gave a lecture in the M. E. Church Wednesday evening, entitled "Miracles of the Twentieth Century," illustrated by electricity.

Mr. Joseph B. Thomas formerly of this town but who has resided in Philadelphia for several years was married Jan. 20th to Miss Lydia Blynn of Philadelphia.

The ladies of Christ P. E. Church will hold a Birthday Party in the Parish House Feb. 10th. All are invited. Those who do not receive cards will be provided with them at the door.

"If your age you do not care to tell.
"A dollar bill will do as well."

CURRENT EVENTS.

Senator Peffer announces that when his term in the Senate expires he will resume the editorship of "The Topeka Advocate."

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina was a printer's "devil' twenty-five years ago in the office of "The Jonesboro (Tenn.) Tribune."

Ex Queen "Lilly" paid an informal visit to President Cleveland, at the White House on Monday, who received his "great and good friend" with pleasing cordiality.

Mrs. Maria Lloyd Steele who died recently at Annapolis. Md., was the daughter of Francis Scott Key, the author of "Star-Spangled Banner." She was in her ninety-second year, and was also a descendant of Gov. Lloyd, of Maryland.

Miss Sophonisba P. Breckinridge, a daughter of Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, was admitted to the practice of law in the Kentucky Court of Appeals the other day. She was graduated from Wellesley College in 1888, and has spent some time in Europe studying French and Roman law.

Dr. Edward P. Allen, the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Mobile, Ala., is a native of Tewksbury, Mass. and is now about thirty-eight years old. In boyhood he worked in the Middlesex mills, and got his education by determined work at his studies, while laboring through the day, at a commercial college and from local priests. He was a graduate of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, of which he was at a later period president.

Miss Clara Barton has offered the services of the Red Cross Society in Cuba and also her individual service and that of her assistants as she did for the relief of the Armenians, the conditions being that the Spanish Government afford entry into the Island and that sufficient funds be furnished for the expedition. Spain has thus far taken no notice of the offer and as far as known there have been no contributions made for this humane service.

Philadelphia had a fire on Tuesday in which over a million dollars worth of property was destroyed, fifty buildings burned and over 600 persons thrown out of employment. The fire started at 7 o'clock in the morning in the cellar of Hanscom's grocery store at 13th and Market, and in spite of the best of modern methods for fighting fire, a whole block in the heart of the business part of the city was swept away before the flames were under control. Wanamaker's store narrowly escaped the clock tower was destroyed but the building was saved by the valiant work of the employees. All the engine companies of the city were called into service.

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A GREAT SURPRISE.

There seems to be nothing startling, at least nothing alarming, in the strange hand which comes from the other side. It comes from the darkness it is true but perhaps the lady can account for it, after the surprise is past. The door is closed and there does not appear to be sufficient shield for hiding. Whence then comes the hand? Perhaps the reader can explain it.

Similar surprises in business are shown every day. A citizen of Middletown made a Holiday purchase in the city, carried it for hours at great inconvenience, returned home to find the indentical article at the same price on the tables of a local dealer. That was an annoying surprise.

One of the real and constant surprises to the people of Middletown is the very low prices maintained by Mrs. Thos. Massey on all lines of jewerley, watches, clocks, silverware, cut glass, &c. It should not be; it is simple enough; it's in the buying—and the selection. There's much in selecting. If you have a present to make, or a purchase for self in Mrs. Massey's line, a comparison of prices and quality of goods with any other is invited, especially city prices. Repairing a specialty.

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Jan. 30, 4t. KESIAH F. HAYES.

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—OF—
Stock and Farming Implements

The undersigned will sell on his farm, two miles west of Middletown, on

Thursday, FEB. 4th, '97,
AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The following described Personal Property, to-wit:

TEN HEAD OF
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No. 1—Garrett, bay horse, 15½ hands high, 4 years old, can shove 3 minutes and is an excellent driver.
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No. 4—Bay horse, 12 years old, 15 hands high, good worker.
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Nos. 7 and 8—One pair, mules, 7 yrs old, good workers and drivers, 15 hands high.
Nos. 8 and 10—One pair mules, 6 years old, good workers.

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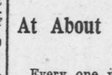

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, in the town of Middletown, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 9.30 o'clock, a. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land with the buildings thereon erected, situate in and adjoining the village of Port Penn, St. Georges hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware, severally bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

No. 1.—Bounded on the north and northeast by the Port Penn road, and on the south-east and south by a division line between this land and a lot of Mary Cox; thence south 17 degrees west 22 perches and 9-10 of a perch; south 73 degrees east, 22 perches and 5-10 to Stewart street; thence south 17 degrees west 3 perches to the south side of Merchant street, south 73 degrees east with said street to the Delaware river; thence south with said river to marsh late of John Aiken; thence by the same, over lands and marsh late of John Alrichs, William Stewart and others to the said Fort Penn road, containing 218 acres, be the same more or less.

No. 2.—Beginning at the northeast corner of Market street and running thence by the same north 73½ degrees west 50½ feet to a corner of a lot now of Thomas Cleaver's estate; thence by said estate and north 16¼ degrees east 375 feet to a line formerly of William Cleaver, now of the said Thomas Cleaver; thence south 73½ degrees east 50½ feet to a lot now of Thomas Cleaver; thence by said lot south 16¼ degrees west 375 feet to the place of beginning, containing about 75 perches, be the same more or less.

No. 3.—Fronting on Market street and now bounded by lands of Hugh Flemming, deceased, and which is more fully set forth in a deed to Hugh Flemming from James McMullen and Mary McMullen, his wife, dated the 18th day of January, A. D. 1841, recorded in the office for recording deeds, etc., at New Castle, in book G. Vol. 5, page 25, etc.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Henrietta M. Dilworth, administratrix of Thomas F. Dilworth, deceased, and Henrietta M. Dilworth, t. t, and to be sold by

WILLIAM R. FLINN, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, January 14th, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Levari Facias, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware,

ON SATURDAY,
THE 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 1897,
at 2 o'clock, p. m.,

the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain lot of land with the building thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Walnut street at the distance of 51 feet 9 inches northerly from the northerly side of Fourth street; thence easterly and parallel with Fourth street 20 feet to a point; thence northerly and parallel with Walnut street 23 feet and 8 inches to the northerly side of a 2 feet wide alley; thence westerly and parallel with Fourth street along said side of said alley 20 feet to the said easterly side of Walnut street, and thence thereby southerly 25 feet and 8 inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

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Of Interest To Farmers

WHO SHOULD GROW BERRIES?

First of all, farmers everywhere, for family use. Farmers must grow berries or do without. No one can grow them so cheaply as he. They may be produced ready for picking, at two cents per quart.

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Farmer can never have ideal homes without the fruit garden. It teaches the lessons of intensified farming, and results in better tillage, larger crops, better stock and improved methods in every way. Good gardens and poor farms never keep company long.

The growing of berries for family use is easily done. The growing of berries largely, and selling them in good market, requires considerable skill and special business tact. Only those who have good location, good market and a taste for the business should attempt it. Many small farmers so situated are making a success by commencing moderately and increasing acreage from season to season as experience warrants.

Berries should be grown by owners of all village homes, acreage property in city and village may be profitably used for that purpose. The market gardener selling his own products can often make an acre or two of berries very profitable. They are suitable companions for their vegetable friends, and sell well together.

The business or professional man, almost broken with care, may recover health and strength in the pleasant walk of horticulture. It is restful to both mind and body.

Many women dependent on their own efforts secure substantial aid from their garden; berries and flowers thrive bes under the gentle touch of women.

Many a bright boy may receive his first incentive to business and earn his money by growing berries or vegetables Give them a patch of ground and encourage them in this work.

The amateur growing berries for pleasure also gets close to heart of nature and in common with every worker of the soil may receive her smile.

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To the query, What is the matter with the farmer? Secretary Morton replies that nothing is the matter with the farmer. He is all right.—San Francisco Chronicle. In fact the farmer is so very well off, so free from debt (if we are to believe his figures) that he begrudges him a few garden seeds, fearing, we suppose, that the average farmer will become giddy with the heights of prosperity to which he will be elevated thereby.

SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS.

"I find" says an Ohio lady "a number of lecture themes given in the bulletin of the farmers institutes that I would like to change the wording of a little and hear them discussed. For instance, let "the farmers need of education" read "the need of education for the farmer's wife." There are three lectures relative to feeding stock. Let us have the benefit of one on "The relatives values of food for man." For surely the farmer should know as much about food for his family as for his stock. Then let us have one on "The principles of cooking." With what enthusiasm the farmers discuss "a model barn and how to use it." "A model kitchen and how to use it" might provoke as profound arguments as the tariff."

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THE PUZZLER

No. 8.—Numerical Enigma.

I am a word of nine letters.
My 2, 3, 4 is a noise.
My 7, 6, 4 is a verb.
My 7, 3, 4, 2 is the outer skin of a fruit.
My 7, 1, 2 is a color.
My 5, 6, 4 is something to eat.
My 9, 3, 4, 2 is a beautiful wild creature.
My 9, 1, 4 is the female bird.
My 4, 3, 8, 1, 7 is a river in Africa.

No. 9.—Boats of Many Kinds.

Different kinds of boats are suggested by the following:

Behold a gallant fleet indeed!
Pray guess what they can be.
The first's the swiftest craft that sails,
Though ne'er afloat is she.
The next appears as fleecy clouds
In summer skies above,
And weapons sharp the third conceals
Beneath a velvet glove.
The shipwrecked man on desert isle
The fourth would gladly see,
And in the fifth o'en gentle folks
Live for economy.
Handle the dangerous sixth with care.
The seventh with meats we use.
And if with dynamite you play
The eighth you're like to lose.
The ninth most college boys aspire
To do both well and fast.
The tenth's a guide through dangerous ways
And brings to port at last.

No. 10.—Charades.

My first would seek to borrow, were he dead;
My last is showered on the newly wed;
My whole was loved by him who told the story
Of hell and paradise and purgatory.

My first is company.
My second shuns company.
My third assembles company.
My whole amuses company.

My first is the whole;
So is my second, and also my whole.

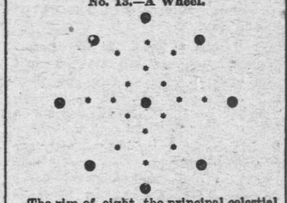
Dear is my first when stormy nights draw near,
But 'tis my second makes my first more dear.
My whole with prudent care my first preserves,
And thus to be my second well deserves.

No. 11.—In the Vegetable Garden.

No. 12.—Single Acrostic.

A celebrated navigator who lived in the fifteenth century. He made many great and important discoveries in the new world.
1. A fine fabric first made at a city in France, from which it takes its name.
2. A tree in which a king took refuge after a battle in which he was defeated.
3. Full of perplexing turnings.
4. A division of Ireland; an outer garment.
5. A planet; a medicine.
6. A mound of earth; a place for keeping money.
7. Two islands of the Hebrides called North and South.
8. A town in England; a group of islands in the Pacific ocean.

No. 13.—A Wheel.



The rim of eight, the principal celestial circle. The first spoke of four, a large lake; the second, "anxiety;" the third, a Christian grace; the fourth, "unemployed;" the fifth, a kind of tree; the sixth, a priceless possession, the property of all; the seventh, "an island;" the eighth, "condition." All the spokes read toward the hub.

No. 14.—Subtractions.

Example: Take 50 from a girdle and leave a wager. Answer, be-l-t, bet. The subtracted letter is not always in the middle of a word.
1. Subtract 500 from to pull and leave uncooked.
2. Subtract 50 from a product of barley and leave a rug.
3. Subtract 1,000 from something always served at dinner and leave to corrode.
4. Subtract 50 from a handle and leave to strike.
5. Subtract 5 from to exist and leave a false statement.
6. Subtract 50 from a peculiarity of speech and leave to drag.
7. Subtract 100 from a vehicle and leave dexterity.

Nail Gifts.

"Nail gifts" are white specks on the finger nails, which, according to their respective situations, are believed to predict certain events, as indicted in the following couplet, which is repeated while touching the thumb and each finger in succession:

A gift, a friend, a foe,
A lover to come, a journey to go.

Sometimes the augury is expressed in positive terms, as:

A gift on the thumb is sure to come;
A gift on the finger is sure to linger.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 1.—Charade: In-sup-port-able.
No. 2.—Illustrated Rebuses: 1. Two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one. 2. He who loves money more than honor will rate it above honesty. 3. The newspaper, silent as snowflakes, but potent as thunder.
No. 3.—A Rhyming Puzzle: 1. Few. 2. Mew. 3. Crew. 4. Rue. 5. Blue. 6. Yew. 7. View. 8. Dew. 9. Hue. 10. Loo. 11. Rue. 12. Two. 13. Lou. 14. Woo. 15. True.
No. 4.—A Puzzle of the Zodiac: 1. Taurus. 2. Aries. 3. Leo. 4. Capricornus. TALC.
No. 5.—Decapitation: Spine, pine.
No. 6.—Riddles: Because it is in the midst of water. Cast-a-net.
No. 7.—Transposition: Steals, tassel. Angle, glean.

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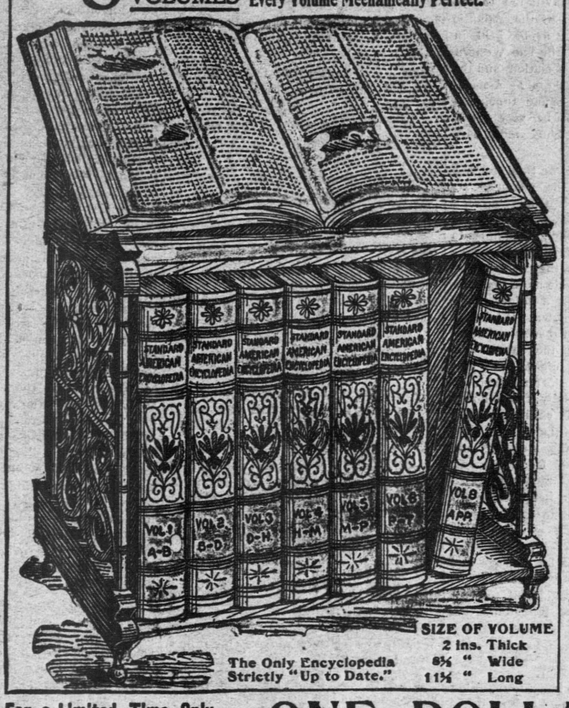

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